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Account of the Dutchy, Family and Court of Saxe-Gotha.

IT lies in *upper Saxony*, with the Dominions of *Heſſe Caſſel* on the W. the Dutchy of *Saxe Eyſenach* on the N. that of *Weimar* on the E. and *Franconia* on the S.

According to the *Atlas Hiſtorique*, the *Titles* of the Dukes of *Saxe-Gotha* are, Dukes of *Saxony*, *Juliers*, *Cleves*, *Engers*, and *Weſtphalia*; Landgraves of *Thuringia*; Margraves of *Miſnia*; Counts and Princes of *Henneberg*; Counts of *La Marck* and *Ravenſperg*; Lords of *Ravenſtein*, *Tonna*, &c. And their Dominions are thoſe of *Gotha*, the three Lordſhips of *Tonna*, *Wachſenburg*, and *Ichterſhauſen*; the *Bailywick* and Town of *Kranichfeld*; the Biſhoprick of *Valckenard*, *Altenbourg*, and ſeveral other Towns.

The firſt Prince of the *Erneſtine* Line, who was Great Grandfather to the preſent Duke of *Saxe Gotha*, was *Earneſt* III. ſurnamed the *Pious* (7th Son of *John* 2d Duke of *Weimar*) who, ſays *Schouartus*, excelled all the Princes that ever lived, in Probity, Religion, Prudence, Policy, Induſtry, and Oeconomy. This Prince was born *Dec.* 25. 1601, and was at the Battle of *Lutzen* in 1641, with *Guſtavus Adolphus*; as was alſo his eleventh Brother *Bernard* (commonly called the *Brave Duke* of *Weimar*) one of the greateſt Generals of that Age, and to whoſe Valour, after the Death of *Guſtavus*, who fell in that Battle, the Victory was chiefly attributed. After this, *Erneſt* and his Brother *William* agreed to divide the Eſtate, whereby *Gotha* fell to the Share of *Erneſt*. In 1660 he obtained a great Part of the County of *Henneberg*; and upon the Death of his Brother *Frederick William*, inherited *Altenburg* and *Coburg* in 1672. He re-built the Caſtle of *Gotha*, and died *March* 26, 1675, aged 74, having had 18 Children by his Wife *Elizabeth Sophia*, Daughter of the Duke *John Philip* of *Saxe Altenburg*.—His Son and Succeſſor, was,

Frederick I. born *July* 15, 1646. This Duke and his Father are recorded to have been the great Friends and Patrons of the learned *Lewis de Seckendorf* (from whom the preſent valiant Count of that Name is deſcended) who did ſo much Service both to his Country and the Republick of Letters, by his Writings. This Duke *Frederick* died of an Apoplexy *Aug.* 2, 1691. and was ſucceeded by the late Duke,

Frederick II. Knight of the Orders of the Elephant and Black Eagle, who was born *July* 28, 1676, and married *Magdalen Auguſta* of the Houſe of *Anhalt Zerbſt*, who was born *Oct.* 2, 1679, by whom he had Iſſue, 10 Sons and 6 Daughters, ſeveral of which are ſtill living.

Frederick III. the preſent Duke, was born *April* 4. 1699, and married the 6th of *Sept.* 1729, to his Couſin German *Louiſa Dorothy* of *Saxe Meinungen*, who was born *July* 30, 1710, and is a moſt amiable Princeſs. *Frederica*, *Dutcheſs of Saxe Weiſſenfels*, was the 13th Child, and was born *July* 6, 1715. Her Royal Highneſs *Auguſta* Princeſs of *Wales* was the 15th Child, and was born *Nov.* 18. 1719, married *April* 27, 1736, to the Prince of *Wales*.

The late Duke had a gallant Brother named *William* who was killed the 4th of *April* 1707. O. S. at the Seige of *Toulon*, where he ſignalized his Bravery to ſuch a Degree, as deſerves particular Mention. It being his Turn that Day to command in the Works as Lieutenant General, of the Emperor, the Queen of *Great Britain*, and the States General, he was attacked on all Sides, with great Fury, by the *French*, whom, tho' five to one he received very bravely, but his Men being overpowered by Numbers, fell into ſome Diſorder: Whereupon the General put them into Order again, and animating them, both by his Preſence and his Words, led them on valiantly to the Enemy, with whom they fought like Lions; but his Troops being broke a ſecond Time, and the Prince finding his Efforts to rally them once more did not avail, he turned to 30 Men

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moſt Officers, who ſtuck to him, and ſaid, *Friends, 'tis more honourable to periſh here, than to have it ſaid* the Prince of Saxe Gotha *was beaten out of his Works.* Preſently after his Highneſs receiving a Shot under the Left Eye, thro' his Head, and another in his Body, dropped dead on the Ground; upon which his Corpſe being opened, his Bowels were buried in the Field of Battle, and his Body ſent, by Way of *Genoa* to *Gotha*, where it was interred in the Tomb of the Family.

A Perſon of Honour, who was at this Court in the Time of the late Duke, gives the following Account of it, which will ſerve to convey ſome Idea of the preſent State of *Saxe Gotha*, under the Adminiſtration of his Son the preſent Duke, Brother to her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs of *Wales*.

As of all the *Saxon* Princes of the *Erneſtine* Branch, the Duke of *Saxe Gotha* is the moſt powerful, ſo of all the Courts of *Saxony*, next to *Dreſden*, his is the moſt numerous and the moſt magnificent: Nevertheleſs the Subjects of *Saxe Gotha* are the leaſt burden'd with Taxes of any State in *Germany*. To that Prince's wiſe Management of his Finances, is owing not only his own Happineſs, but that of his People, who perfectly adore him; for indeed he treats them more like a Father than a Sovereign, and never makes them ſenſible of his Power, but when he is to do them Juſtice. He is a kind, good natur'd Maſter, eaſy of Acceſs, regular in his Manners, gives great Application to the Affairs of his Government, loves Reading, underſtands Books, and is ignorant of nothing that a Prince ought to know. He is very regular in his manner of Living: He riſes conſtantly at 7 o'Clock, and after ſpending an Hour in Prayer, and the reading of ſome pious Treatiſe, he dreſſes himſelf and gives Audience to his Miniſters and other Perſons that want to ſpeak with him. He dines at Noon with the Dutcheſs his Conſort the Princes his Children, and other Perſons of Diſtinction; and after having ſat about an Hour and Half at Table, takes a walk in the Gardens of his Palace; or if the Weather does not permit, retires to his Cloſet, and amuſes himſelf with reading till 5 o'Clock. Then he repairs to the Houſe of ſome or other of his Courtiers, where there is an Aſſembly of all the Nobility: and after having there diverted himſelf at Ombre, returns to the Palace, ſups in the Manner that he din'd, and at 9 o'Clock retires.

The preſent Duke who ſucceeded to the Dominions of *Saxe Gotha*, by the Death of his Father, on the 12th of *March* 1732, has been in *France*, *Italy*, *England*, *Holland*, *Denmarck*, *Sweden*, and at all the Courts of *Germany*, and thereby ſtor'd himſelf with ſuch uſeful Knowledge, and acquir'd ſuch a Character, that it was then foreſeen the Subjects of *Gotha* would be as happy under his Government, as they were under his Father's.

The Duke has all the Great Officers of State that are common to Sovereign Princes. The Revenues of the late Duke were computed at a Million of Crowns *per Annum*, with which he kept on Foot near 3000 Men of Regular Troops. His Guards were well cloathed, his Liveries rich, his Tables ſerv'd with more Elegance than Profuſion; his Palace well furniſhed, his Officers punctually paid, and every Body pleaſed.

Upon his Death, the Dutcheſs Dowager retired with the Princeſſes her Daughters to *Altenbourg*, and his Brothers went into the Service of the Emperor, the King of *Poland*, and the Prince of *Heſſe Caſſel*.

Gotha, the Capital City of this Durchy, in Longitude 30. 40. Latitude 51. 2. ſtands on the *Leina*, about 18 Miles *S.* W. from *Erfurt*, and the ſame Diſtance E. from *Eyſenach*, in a fine Corn Country, but ſo level, that in Rainy Weather the Roads are ſo bad, that 'tis ſometimes a Day's Journey to reach to *Erfurt*. The Town being ſituate in the Midſt of a fine fertile Plain, and the Duke's Caſtle or Palace on a Hill that ſtands by itſelf, from the Apartments of the latter there is a Proſpect of a vaſt Extent. *Gotha* was only a mean Village till 964, when it was fortified by *William* Archbiſhop of *Mentz*, with a Caſtle, *&c.* which being demoliſhed by the Emperor *Maximilian* II. in 1567, was afterwards re-built by *Erneſt* Duke of *Gotha*, ſurnam'd the *Pious*, who made it one of the largeſt in *Germany*, and cauſed both the Caſtle and City to be encompaſſed with Ditches and Ramparts.

The chief Trade of this Town is in Woad, of which they have three Sorts. The firſt they ſow about Chriſtmas, the next in the Spring, Summer and Harveſt, of which they have three Crops; the third grows wild. This Herb is ſuch a Soveraign Balſamick, that it cures Wounds almoſt with a Touch, if taken in Time. It reſembles Plantain, but has a longer Leaf. The Roots fatten and improve barren Ground exceedingly, and being brought over to *England* with Clover, Cinquefoil, *&c.* grows with good Succeſs in *Northamptonſhire*, and other Places of *England*.

In the Duke's Palace there is a Chamber of valuable Rarities, and a noble Library, of which the late Duke cauſed a Catalogue to be publiſhed of the Manuſcripts, that the Learned might know where to have Recourſe to them. The Perſon he employ'd to form it was Dr. *Cyprianus*, Eccleſiaſtical Counſellor and Aſſeſſor in the Conſiſtory of *Gotha*. They are for moſt Part the MSS of Eccleſiaſtical Authors, Antient and Modern, eſpecially the latter. There is a great Number of Papers and Letters in the *Latin* and *German* Languages concerning *Luther's* Reformation; and ſeveral MSS of the Vulgar *Tranſlation* of the Bible. There is a correcter Copy than that at *Leipſic*, of the Works of *Lactantius*; another of St. *Auſtin's* Treatiſe of the *City of God*, which belong'd to *Willigiſe* Archbiſhop of *Mentz*, about

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Anno 1000: Another of the antient Capitalaries of the Kings of *France*, with the *Salic* Laws, and the Laws of the *Lombards*, *Almains*, &c. There are 31 Manuſcript Volumes, containing the Abridgments of the Lives of the Emperors of the Weſt, and of the Eaſt, their Pictures and Medals, and thoſe of their Families; the Whole collected in 1550 by *James de Strada* of *Mantua*.

Altenbourg is the Capital of the County of that Name, of which the Duke of *Saxe Gotha* is the Sovereign, and where he has a handſome Palace, where the Dutcheſs Dowager and the young Princeſſes were retired, at the Time that the Lord *Delawar* arrived at *Gotha*, to receive the Princeſs *Auguſta*, and to conduct her to *England*, to be the happy Bride of his Royal Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*. The Peaſants of this County are ſaid to be the richeſt in all *Germany*, ſo that they may almoſt vie, for Subſtance, with thoſe of *Holland*; and like the *Dutch* too, they don't care to ſpoil the Breed, and ſcorn to match their Daughters to any but the Sons of wealthy Farmers.

A Letter from the famous Baron Neuhoff *Viceroy of* Corſica, *to an* Iriſh *Gentleman in* England, *April* 12. N. S.

Dear and faithful Friend,

SInce the Year 1720, I have been ſeeking all over the World, with great Pains, for a Place to paſs the reſt of my Days with Honour, and without being obliged to be a Subject to any Potentate whatſoever, to which I had a natural Averſion. At laſt, by the Protection of the Emperor of *Morocco*, and by the Aſſiſtance of the Dey of *Tunis*, I met with an Opportunity to offer myſelf to the noble *Corſicans* (whom I have furniſhed with all ſorts of Ammunition and Proviſions ſince the Year 1733) who, by two of their Deputies, offered me the Sovereignty of that Iſland, if I would accept it. The Offer was not diſpleaſing to me: But as the Republick is powerful, and might probably once again procure the Aſſiſtance of his Imperial Majeſty, I could not determine thereon till I had the Aſſurance of being aſſiſted in caſe of need by the Grand Signior, the Emperor of *Morocco*, and the Dey. Upon this Footing I accepted the Offer; and came here in *March* laſt on board the *Richard*, Captain *Ortega*, and was received with great Demonſtrations of Joy and Thankfulneſs. I have ſettled my Court, ordered ſix Regiments to be formed, and *Macdonal*, one of your Friends, takes great Pains to diſcipline them after the *German* Manner. I keep this Iſland at preſent with Eaſe, and am well beloved by all my Subjects. In ſhort, I think myſelf now happy, becauſe I am in a Condition to make ſome Amends to all the Friends who have accompanied me through the World of Troubles I have paſſed: And I deſire your Preſence, which will be a great Help to me in the Management of the Government: If you are inclin'd to come, I aſſure you I have a Colonel's Commiſſion at your Service, and more if you deſire it. I am now taking the propereſt Meaſures to obtain the Friendſhip of the Maritime Powers: In which if I ſucceed, I doubt not to be able to reſiſt the Efforts and Forces of *Europe*; and in caſe of a Refuſal from them, and the *Genoeſe* ſhould obtain a Grant of ſome Troops from the Emperor, I ſhall put myſelf at the Head of my brave *Corſicans*, and do not doubt (even at the worſt) to obtain honourable Terms for myſelf and Friends. Wherefore, let my Deſtiny diſpoſe things as it will, I am prepar'd for all Events; and doubt not to ſurmount all Difficulties that may be thrown in my way, either by Force of Arms, or by an advantageous Treaty. I ſend a Bill of —— *l.* and hope to ſee you with your Family by *June* next, *&c*

CUSTOM-HOUSE, Charleſtown,

Entred Inwards

Brigt. Dorothy, Wm. Douglaſs from Antigua

Entred out.

Snow Endeavour, Alexander Hope for London.
Sloop Friendſhip, John Burchall for Providence.

Clear'd for Departure.

Ship Davie, James Seaman to London
Scooner Endeavour, Edw. Wills to Boſton.

EXPORTED from this PLACE ſince *Nov* 1, 1735.

Rice 49964 Barrels, & 1554 Baggs Pitch 9424, Tarr 1274, Turpentine 4584. Whereof 11014 Barrels and 1208 Bags of Rice to the Southward of *Cape Finiſterre*.

PRICES of the following GOODS.

Rice — 55 *s* Tar per Bar. 25 *s*.
Pitch per Bar. 35 *s*. Turpentine 12 *s*. 6 *d*.

Advertiſements.

GONE away from *Mitton* Plantation in St. *John's* Parith 3 Gambia Negroes, bought of Mr *John Guerard* out of the Cargo imported by Capt *Cee*. Whoever brings the ſaid Negroes to Mr. *John Lawſon* at *Mitton* Plantation aforeſaid, or to *Thomas Monck* in *Charleſtown*, ſhall receive ſix *l* reward for the three, or 40 *s*. for each They had on grayiſh Negro Jackets and Breeches with braſs or white mettal Buttons.

NOtice is hereby given, That the following Fairs are kept as uſual viz at *Aſhley* Ferry the laſt *Tueſday* of this Inſtant, being the 28th, at *Dorcheſter* the 1ſt *Tueſday* in *October*, and at *Childsberry* Ferry the laſt *Tueſday* in *October* The ſame Perſon that will attend the Fairs can ſupply any Gentleman with fine gray or griſsle Perukes at reaſonable rates, having lately ſupplied himſelf with a fine parcel of Engliſh Hairs, *George Hitchcock* Peruke-maker living in *Elliot's* ſtreet, oppoſite Capt *Simmons*

JUſt imported in the Snow *Endeavour* from *Philadelphia*, good Flower, Ship and brown Bread, and *Philadelphia* Beer, to be ſold by *Edward Eullard*.

ON Tueſday the 7th of this Inſtant eloped from his Maſter, *Roger Saunders*, an Indian Slave named *Peter*, who formerly belong'd to Mr. *Thomas Elliot* ſen. deceaſed, he is both a Carpenter and Cooper, a ſhort, well let, middle aged Fellow, limps a little on one of his Legs, and is pretty much pockfretten Whoever takes up the ſaid Slave and brings him to his ſaid Maſter at his Plantation on *Aſhley* River, ſhall have 3 l reward paid by *Roger Saunders*. *NB.* The ſaid *Peter* generally uſed to haunt about Long point, Mr *Townſend's* and Mr. *Pendarvis's* Plantations on the Town-Neck

To be Sold

ONe Tract of Land containing 600 Acres upon *Sampit* Creek, 8 Miles from *George-Town*, and another Tract of 450 Acres over againſt *Wackamaw* Townſhip, both very good for Rice and Corn, and ſtock'd with extraordinary Timber for ſawing. The Quit Rent for the firſt Tract is a Pepper Corn when demanded. Enquire of *Charles Pinckney* or *Wm Anderſon*.

WHereas ſeveral large Demands have been lately made on the Eſtate of *Wm Donning* and *Tho: Donning* deceaſed, and ſeveral Perſons, who have purchaſed the Negroes and other perſonal Eſtate of the ſaid *Wm* & *Thos Donning*, have neglected to make their payments according to the Conditions of their Bonds: Theſe are therefore to deſire all ſuch Perſons to pay off their Bonds by the 10th of *October* next, or elſe their Bonds will be put in ſuit without further notice; and all Perſons who have any Demands on the Eſtate of *Wm* & *Tho. Donning* deceaſed, are deſired to bring in their Accounts. *Wm. Donning*.

TO be Sold the Plantation whereon Mr. *Joſeph Fitch* deceaſed lately lived, juſt by *Aſhley* Ferry, containing about 250 Acres good Land, with a good Dwelling-Houſe and many other Improvements thereon: Any perſon inclinable to purchaſe the ſame, may treat with *Conſtant Fitch* Widow of the deceaſed, living on the ſaid Plantation.

WHereas the Articles of Co-partnerſhip between the Hon *John Fenwicke* Eſq; and Company, will ſoon expire, and the ſaid Company deſire that all Perſons indebted to them ſhould have timely Notice to provide and diſcharge their reſpective Bonds, at or before the determination of the ſaid Co-partnerſhip: They have therefore thought fit to publiſh this Advertiſement thereof: That all Perſons concerned may prepare, and pay off their Principal and Intereſt Money, in *March* next, at furtheſt.

June 10th 1736. THOMAS LAMBOLL.

By the PRINTER *hereof may be had,*
Every Man his own *Doctor*: or,
The poor Planter's PHYSICIAN.